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E.O. 11652: GDS
AGS: PFOR, JA
SUBJECT: JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN PRINCIPLES DECLARATION

RF: STAE 230822

1. ON CALL ON PUAUX, QUAI POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
CHARGE CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED PARA 11 REFTTEL. IN
RESPONSE TO PRESENTATION, PUAUX SAID HE WAS SURPRISED THAT US
SURPRISED THAT EC HAD MADE APPROACH TO JAPANESE WITHOUT PRIOR
CONSULTATION WITH US. HE SAID THE FRENCH HAD NOT HIDDEN THE
FACT THEY DID NOT WANT A RICH MAN'S CLUB. HE CLAIMED FRANCE
WAS EQUALLY CONSCIOUS OF THE NECESSITY OF NOT ISOLATING JAPAN,
AND THE RISKS THAT WOULD BE ENTAILED FOR EUROPE AND ASIA IF IT
WERE TO LOOK IN ON ITSELF. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT FRANCE
APPROVED OF THE CLOSE RELATIONS THAT EXISTED BETWEEN THE US
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AND JAPAN AND WHY THEY BELIEVED THERE SHOULD BE CLOSER RELATIONS
BETWEEN EUROPE AND JAPAN, TO WHICH AN EC-JAPAN DECLARATION OF
PRINCIPLES WOULD CONTRIBUTE.

2. PUAUX MADE IT EXPLICITLY CLEAR THAT THE FRENCH ARE OPPOSED TO ANY TRI-LTERAL DOCUMENT OF THE TYPE SUGGESTED BY THE SECRETARY IN HIS APRIL 23 SPEECH. HE STATED THAT THE POSITION

OF THE NINE IN THIS REGARD WOULD NOT CHANGE. IT HAD BEEN CAREFULLY AND DELIBERATELY CONSIDERED AND HAD BEEN CONVEYED IN WASHINGTON AT THE SAME TIME AS IN TOKYO. WHEN CHARGE DEMURRED THAT DEMARCHE IN WASHINGTON HAD, IN FACT, OCCURRED AFTER THE EC APPROACH TO THE JAPANESE, PUAUX ADMITTED SUCH WAS THE CASE BY, AS HE PUT IT, "A FEW HOURS".
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